

# The Free Flighter

## Journal of the NSWFFS Inc

### September 2018



Newly graded road  
into the AB field

## Minutes of General Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Meeting opened: 7.32 pm Vice President Gary Pope in the chair at Dundas Sports Club.

Present: Gary Goodwin, Peter Scott, Gail Scott, Geoff Potter, Roy Summersby, Gary Pope, Ed Mahoney, Angela Mahoney, Wally Bolliger, Keith Murray, Bruce Hoffman, John Pennells, Phil Warren

Apologies, , Jim Christie, Barry Lee, Tahn Stowe, Terry Bond, Reg Towel, Lyn Towell, Val Vickers, George Atkinson, Bob Craine

Minutes of previous meeting: Accepted as a true record moved by Gary Goodwin sec Peter Scott

### Business Arising:

Container approved by MAAA in the club as stance scheme

### Correspondence in/out:

Flypaper May, June, July, Letter from MAAA for Club as stance scheme approved, July Free Flighter, News paper article from front page West Wyalong, Annual report to MAAA, Letter from CLAS re funding, Letter to CLAS re funding

Treasures Report 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### **TREASURERS REPORT NSWFFS** **1<sup>ST</sup> May 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Opening Balances – 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018

C.B.A – A/C No 229300901281	\$15,049.60
C.B.A - A/C No 233610409062	\$23,281.70
Opening Total	\$38,331.30

C.B.A – Deposits	\$18,401.00
C.B.A – Payments	\$863.10
C.B.A – Deposits	\$862.15
C.B.A – Payments	\$15,990.89

Balance as of 30/6/18 C.B.A 1	\$32,477.50
Balance as of 30/6/18 C.B.A 2	\$7,415.81
CLOSING TOTAL BALANCE	\$39,893.31

70<sup>th</sup> NATS account to be closed. 71<sup>st</sup> NATS account is now open. Treasures Note. There is still \$3375 in un presented cheques to be paid from 70<sup>th</sup> Nat's A/C as well as membership monies going to MAAA from general A/C.

#### General Business.

Report on the Scale weekend (see newsletter). Two containers have been delivered to WW one for MAAA museum the other for Nat's equipment. The boxes from the museum have now been opened and the goods are in the MAAA container. Some boxes contain plaques and past awards which need to be saved and displayed; this will be done at a later date.

WOWW event 27-28th October, NSWFFS to ask for promotion funding, as per 2017. Some recommendations made last meeting for the camp ground are being organised at present.

There was a lot of discussion on the running of the 71<sup>st</sup> Nat's, and at this stage the committee is, Main Co Coordinator, Terry Bond, C/L Bruce Hoffman, F/F Roy Summersby, Sam's Peter Scott. We should take delivery of more belt for the C/L/ field at WW in September.

Next Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> September is the AGM at Dundas Sports Club. All positions will be vacant, nominations in writing to the secretary by the 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Meting closed 9.26pm

President	Terry Bond	0417027579
Vice President	Gary Pope	0417268478
Secretary & Newsletter Editor	Roy Summersby	0413588720
Treasure	Gary Goodwin	0414292050
Register	Barry Lee	0402329078

NSW FREE FLIGHT SOCIETY  
Minutes of AGM 15 Sep 2017

Meeting opened at 8.47pm with President, Terry Bond in the chair

Present: Barry Lee, Gary Goodwin, John Pennells, Roy Summersby, Tahn Stowe,  
John Miles, Ed Mahoney, Matt Hannaford, Jim Mc Fall, Geoff Mee, Wally Bol-  
liger,  
Chilton Miles, Aston Miles, Jenson Miles, Terry Bond, Michael Towell

Apologies: Reg Towell, Lyn Towell, Jim Christie, Geoff Potter

Minutes of the previous AGM:

Moved Ed Mahoney sec Gary Goodwin; accepted.

Treasures Report:

Moved, Ed Mahoney sec Jim Tahn Stowe; carried

The annual report was presented to the meeting in full detail. Fair Trading will re-  
ceive a copy in the near future.

General Business:

The president thanked all the committee members for their work and assistance  
during the year and declared all positions vacant. Written nominations were re-  
ceived for all positions, these were elected.

President: Terry Bond

Vice President: Gary Pope

Secretary: Roy Summersby

Treasurer: Gary Goodwin

Registrar: Barry Lee

Public Officer: Gary Pope

Safety Officer: Mike Towell

Education Officer: Geoff Mee & Matt Hannaford

Face Book Officer: Donna Gray & Matt Hannaford

Meeting closed 9.43pm

President  
Terry Bond

Secretary  
Roy Summersby



## Editorial September 2018

Hi Team, it is that time again and the AGM is upon us. Fortunately we again have nominations for positions on our committee but the faces are getting a bit old and wrinkly. As usual we will have our GM and AGM on the same night and produce the appropriate reports for your perusal. The financial windup for the 70<sup>th</sup> nationals will be completed on the night as well.

I am the nationals coordinator for the 71<sup>st</sup> nationals and we have a mixed committee already on the books. A nationals proposal has been sent to the MAAA and the countdown has begun. Dates for the championships are 24 Apr to 1 May 2019. I am working on a program and the finishing touches are being made as you read this newsletter. The program will be posted on the webpage at the end of September. The business plan detailing all of the finer details is in progress and will also be available shortly.

The AFFS competitions will be held from 3-9 May 2019 at Narrandera and the program will be available soon.

Those who were confused about kit scale rules last scale day will be relieved to see a set of NSWFFS kit scale rules published in this newsletter. The British and NZ rules did not really suit us and put a few hurdles in front of us so we (Peter Jackson, Roy S, me and others) decided a sensible approach was necessary. Read kit scale rules further in this newsletter.

The surface of the hardstand at WW is a problem. We have tried to lay synthetic grass on the hardstand; unsuccessful and blown away by the wind, conveyor belt material screwed to the ground every metre, and still ripped up and blown away. We are going to try to tar seal the surface but we need money to complete this task. We are in the process of asking the eastern state associations for financial support (a bit from each organisation) to help seal the hardstand. The total price for the job is about \$39,000. We have written to the organisations and await a reply.

A couple of years ago we approached the MAAA and were given financial assistance to invite two international flyers to Australia. We have again invited two flyers to Aus for the 2019 nationals and AFFS but this time it has been a private invite with private finance. The flyers involved are Igor Vivchar and Aleksandrov Vyacheslav. More easily referred to as Igor and Slava; Igor for F1B and Slava for F1C. Both will be in Aus from 14 April to 13 May 2019.

Wings over West Wyalong (WoWW) will be held 27-28 Oct this year so get ready! A significant amount of work has been completed at WW on the road, the gents ablutions, the fence surrounding the house, plus the addition of three 20 foot steel containers for the MAAA museum, the nationals stores, our lawnmower and other tools and machinery.

The selection of our next world champs team finishes at the end of November. There is one qualification competition left. By the time this is published we will know the results of the Queensland competition and the last desperate one is in the USA for those that are really close to the money. Good luck 'fellas', hope you get in the team.

That's about all folks; remember that free flighters keep them up longer.

President NSWFFS  
Terry Bond

## **Next Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> September 7.30pm**

This meeting is also our AGM

Dundas Sports and Recreation Club is the venue for this coming meeting. We have booked a room here for all the meetings this year. It is at 9 Elder Rd, just off Kissing Point Rd Dundas. The club has a Chinese Restaurant which we can make use of, very handy for those of us who have to travel.

## **Fees**

If you haven't paid them by now you are un financial, get in quick before you want to fly. Easy to do, see me on the field, pay direct to NSWFFS bank BSB-062293

A/C- 00901281, post a cheque to 132 The Esplanade Umina 2257 or paypal to Barry Lee, barrylee@internode.on.net

The fees are still only \$90 very good value.

## **AB Field Update**

Not a lot has been done since the National's but we have installed three containers in the machinery shed. One for national's equipment, one for MAAA museum models and stuff and one for mowers, ground equipment, styles, bikes etc. A screen has been built around the outside gent's toilet for privacy. A protective cap has been installed on the top sharp edge of the backyard fence and the panel going out to the back has been made removable.

The small bonfires that were set, all 9 of them have been fired making the camping ground much tidier. The big thing that has been done is the council has graded the road from the gate to the house and this is now like a three lane highway. They have done a fantastic job, many thanks to them. What we need now are some 20km signs to try and keep the traffic down to a reasonable speed.

## **Cowra Oily Hand Weekend**

Once again this was well attended. I counted about sixty five cars there on the Saturday. The weather wasn't as bad as predicted and on the Sunday morning the winning flight in the abomination event was over twelve minutes and only landed in the next paddock. There were many fine models for both the concourse events but for my money Geoff Potters super size Barnstormer stole the show, it looked just great in the air. The Cowra boys catered for breakfasts and lunches which were well received. Well done Cowra club.

## **World Championships 2019**

The WC will be held at Lost Hills CA USA between 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Selection for team places started on 1/12/2017 and will finish on 30/11/2018 good luck to those who wish to compete. F1B and F1C are being hotly contested and anyone can fill the second and third places. One sad note here, WA cancelled their state champs and their trials, as they lack a suitable flying field.

## Wings Over West Wyalong

October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> are the dates for this weekend. If you are staying in a motel book it now. At times the gold mine shuts down and maintenances crews move into town and beds can be short. This happened on the June long weekend.

The only organised events will be on Saturday, RC Cabin Scramble at 4.30pm and a ½ hour Campbell scramble (must walk no running) at 5.30pm. Bring anything at all to fly big or small. I find it's a good chance to fly a model that for some reason or other doesn't get flown often. There will be a Chris Bush spit roast Saturday night in the backyard of the house don't forget to bring your chair and glass.

## Bruce Abell

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of Bruce Abell. He was 89.

One of Bruce's passions was aviation and model aircraft. As well as building and flying his own models, he also designed many and was not afraid to experiment and to try something different. The garage (where he spent large amounts of time) is full of his various designs and experiments. He was generous with his time and taught many to build and fly model aircraft. (Exert from his son)

I have known Bruce for many years; he was I think, the instigator of the Muswellbrook veteran's gatherings. I spoke to him just a week before his passing and he told me his end wouldn't be long. He was a great free flight modeller in the years gone by.

He won the Queensland Wakefield champs in 1947.



Bruce Abell



Bruce winding with Alan Thomas holding at the 1947 Qld Wakefield Champs.

## **MAAA News**

Kevin Dodd has now retired from being MAAA secretary. Kevin has done excellent service while in the job; we wish him a happy retirement and hope to see him out on the flying fields more often. Tyson has now taken the role of MAAA secretary (he has been assistant secretary for some months now) and can be reached by email, Tyson Dodd ([secretary@maaa.au](mailto:secretary@maaa.au)).

## **Goods that we can sell**

Don't forget if you have or know of someone that has unwanted modelling goods we are happy to sell them on e-bay for you.

## **Kit Scale**

Please have a read of what we think might be acceptable to all, if you have any thoughts please let Terry, Peter (Jacko) or Roy know.

## **Dates to keep in mind**

Wings over West Wyalong 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Australian Nationals 24<sup>th</sup> April to 1st May 2019  
AFFS Championships 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
World Championships USA October 2019

## **Hard Stand on the AB field**

As Terry has mentioned, we have sent a letter to all the Eastern State body's as well as the MAAA regarding the financing of putting bitumen down to form not only a hard stand for control line, but being a 60m X 50m rectangle makes it very useable for radio. We have also sent copies to many that might support this project by talking to their state executive. It will be interesting to see what support we get. There is a copy of the letter in this newsletter. If you know other state executives (not NSWFFS) please feel free to do some lobbying.

## **Free Flight Down Under**

The last issue of FFDU Vol 50 No3 could be the best that Malcolm has produced. There is quite a variety of articles amongst the 40 pages. Malcolm is getting complements from all over the world. If you want to receive this publication which has been going now for 50 years get in touch with the AFFS.

# NSW Kit Scale Rules

Kit Scale in NSW is flown to the New South Wales Free Flight Society Rules. These may vary from the current BMFA Kit Scale rules. The intent is to offer an easy class to fliers who may not wish to build the developed and detailed models required by existing free flight scale rules. Any scale model originally offered as a commercial kit qualifies, eg Keil Kraft, Veron, SIG, Peck, Skyleader, Modelair, Airsail, and many others either currently in production or those old 50s and 60s kit designs that you have always wanted to build. The spirit of the class is that you build as close to the original kit plan as possible. Deviations are penalised.

## Rules

The model may be powered by IC, Rubber, CO2, Jetex or Electric (fitted with motor timer only).

Models may be built from kit parts or the builder's own wood but the kit plan must be provided as authentication.

The only modifications permitted (without marks penalty) from the original kit are:

- those associated with fitting an alternative power source,
- a replacement propeller (including for rubber)
- alternative wheels.
- more forward motor peg
- removable components for transport
- strengthening of undercarriage mounting where necessary.
- a top spar may be added if one is not shown on the plan

The documentation required is:

(a.) The original (or photocopy) plan from which the model was built.

(b.) The kit box art of the aircraft (photo or painting) OR a photograph of the actual full-size aircraft modelled (the same full-size aircraft type as the kit) to authenticate the colour scheme and markings.

The minimum flight time is 10 seconds.

## Static - Marking

Points will be awarded as follows:

- **Up to 60** for the quality of workmanship and character of the model.
- **Up to 20** for authenticity of colour scheme and accuracy of Markings.
- **Up to 20** for the Overall character

## Static - Marking de-merit points

Models with coloured tissue finish with painted, printed, transfer or tissue markings. = **None**

Fully painted models = **- 5 marks**

Each significant deviation from the original design other than those permitted above,  
eg increased dihedral, separate control surfaces where these are not shown on the plan = **- 5 marks**

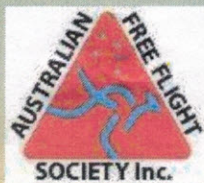
No kit building plan provided = **- 30 marks**

## Flying - Marking

- **Up to 10** Take-off (optional),
- **Up to 10** Initial climb,
- **Up to 10** Descent
- **Up to 10** Landing approach,
- **Up to 10** Quality of Landing
- **Up to 20** Realism in flight (speed, 'sit', stability and character).

The total score will be the aggregate of the static mark and flight score.





## 42<sup>nd</sup> Australian Free Flight Society Championships Widgiewa Cup Narrandera 2019

### Widgiewa Cup (World Cup Event)

Friday 03 May	F1A & C	5 x 1 hour rounds	0800-1300
Saturday 04 May	F1A & C Fly-offs from Friday		0700-0800
	F1B	5 x 1 hour rounds	0800-1300

### AFFS Championships (World Cup Event)

Sunday 05 May	Widgiewa Cup F1B Fly-offs from Saturday	0700-0800
	Combined %	3 flights no rounds 0800-1300
	F1G*	5 x 1 hour rounds* 0800-1300
	F1H*	5 x 1 hour rounds* 0800-1300
	F1J*	5 x 1 hour rounds* 0800-1300
Monday 06 May	REST/WEATHER/PRACTICE DAY	
	Evening AFFS AGM (Narrandera Club)	1900
Tuesday 07 May	Combined % Open Fly-offs from Sunday	0700-0800
	F1A & C	5 x 1 hour rounds 0800-1300
	P30	3 flights, 120s max 0800-1300
Wednesday 08 May	F1A & C Fly-offs from Tuesday	0700-0800
	P30 Fly-off from Tuesday	0700-0800
	F1B (Jim Fullarton Mem.)	5 x 1 hour rounds 0800-1300
	E36	3 flights, 120s max 0800-1300
Thursday 09 May	F1B Fly-offs from Wednesday	0700-0800
	E36 Flyoffs from Wednesday	0700-0800
	Combined Vintage 3 flights no rounds*	0800-1200
	Combined HLG/CLG/TLG	0800-1200
	Scramble (Russ Hammond & Ivor F Mem.)	0900-0930
	Evening: Presentation Dinner	1800
	Venue: Morundah Hotel Bus from Narrandera provided	

#### Notes:

- Daylight saving NSW finishes 7 April 2019
- Sunrise 03 May 2019 0651 Sunset 1731
- Sunrise 09 May 2019 0655 Sunset 1726
- Minis & % Combined Vintage will be 1<sup>st</sup> flight "High Time"



# Hard Surface for the AB Field

A great man once said,

**“Give us the tools and we will get the job done”**

What has our little band of enthusiastic modellers achieved in the four years that we have owned the AB field at West Wyalong?

Our aim was, and still is, to have a field that is multi-discipline. Yes, Free Flight is the most important discipline to us, but we do realise that we need modellers from all disciplines along with all types of models to make a true “Model Aviation Park” as the Bland Shire Council has called the field, and that is what we hope it will be.

What did we start with? We had acquired;

700 acres of land (1900m x 1200m) with good fences  
a mixture of sheds - two large sheds & a number of dilapidated smaller sheds,  
a very run down and uninhabitable 70 year old home,  
70 years of accumulated rubbish.

The property had potential, but it needed to be worked long & hard before we could really use it. Where did we start? Being free flighters a few trees had to go, this happened in a very short time. In fact the ink wasn't even dry on the contract when some fell over. With the multi-discipline theme in mind, we soon asked the Council to grade the main RC strip. We installed a steel shade 6 X 12 meters along with a weather proof room close to the RC strip. The Estate Agent found a sheep farmer who needed some paddocks. He liked our paddock and has been running his sheep there ever since. His lease has been renewed which shows we are getting along very well together.

The house was un-rentable, so our little tribe decided to make a club house from it. One wouldn't recognise it now, but the house was a shambles in every way when we started on that first day. Work has included;

plumbing repairs,  
electrical repairs,  
painting of many interior and exterior surfaces,  
new ceiling,  
new floor coverings,  
new roof along with gutters, fascias, gables, insulation etc.,  
repairs to external walls,  
new roof for the veranda,  
fitting out of one room as a library ( it now is home to hundreds of magazines and books).  
artificial grass has been laid to front and back yards; this keeps a lot of wind dust out of the house.

This is just some of the work which has been done to the old farm house. Numerous other house cleaning and home making tasks have been completed by a large number of volunteers.

What was the farm workshop has now been turned into a full camp kitchen. We have also installed ladies and gents toilets and showers. Hosting the National's this year we had to increase the gents, so another amenities block was bought. Toilets and showers were a big cost, not only to buy, but also to install as a full septic system along with associated plumbing was required. This might sound excessive but we had 55 happy campers on site for the national's, and we expect more next year now that people have seen the facilities.

What was the farm machinery shed is now home to four containers which keep's the Nat's equipment, MAAA museum models, mowers, shades and a multitude of goods. It has not required any work and has been a sound and useful structure from day one.

Two other big and very expensive development jobs were;

providing an all weather road to the RC field and,  
laying a base for what will be (we hope) a bitumen hard surface for both control line and radio flying. This area is large, 50 X 60 meters. The work has commenced - the road base has been laid and rolled and ready for surfacing.

However this second item is not complete. To do this job properly we are talking big dollars. The math is like this - surfacing 3,000 square meters @ approximately \$13.00 per meter works out to be \$39,000. This is a significant investment in anybody's language. However it is clearly an important investment and would sit well with all the other improvements we have made to the property to date. More importantly, a hard surfaced area will make the property one of the best multi discipline model flying sites in the world as we can then cater at a good level for Control Line as well as Radio Control and Free flight as well as providing excellent camping and club house facilities.

In the four years we have had the property we have completed approximately \$90,000 of improvements at cost. The actual value of the improvements significantly exceeds this amount as much of the work has been done by volunteers who gave their expertise & labour for free. None of this money, expertise and labour has been wasted. Every penny has been spent on items that are still in use today. We, the NSWFFS have run out of funds to do this next most important job. So the question arises - how can we finance this important surfacing job? One thought is that maybe the eastern State Associations, which there are five of, along with the MAAA could split the bill. This would make it only \$6500 each, which is a lot less daunting than \$39,000.

We believe we have proven that we can manage and develop the property, so what would your State Association think of providing some funds so we can finish the job, and make the AB field a truly world class multi-discipline Model Aviation Park.

The Executive  
NSWFFS











## NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2018

Date	Event	Venue	Time	C/D
Sep 21	Annual General Meeting    Check	Newsletter	7:30 pm	
Sep 23	Combined % 5 flights	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Matt Hannaford
Oct 7	Combined % Multiple Entries	Hinton	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Goodwin
Oct 27-28	Wings Over West Wyalong All Disciplines FUN FLY	W. Wyalong A.B.Field	7.00am-Till Dark	Plenty of Room for ALL
Nov 11	Brian Alcock    Biplane Day 1/2 Hour Scramble + Scale rally	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Peter Jackson
Nov 16	General meeting            Check	Newsletter	7.30	
Nov 30	Friday Xmas Party	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	Terry & Lyn
Dec 9	½ Hour Scramble, Combined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly.	Richmond BBQ Xmas	7:00am – 1:00pm Lunch    BYO	Terry Bond FOOD
Notes	1. All scrambles start as close to 2. Sport FF, CL,& RC Flying welcome 3. BYO FOOD, DRINK & CHAIR to	8.00 am as on A.B. Field ALL BBQs at	Possible at W. Wyalong RICHMOND	Plenty of room



Road into AB Field at West Wyalong



# Wings over West Wyalong

27-28 October 2018

- Control Line
- Free Flight
- Radio Control



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## Information for Entertainment at The West Wyalong Model Aviation Park

Location: 1390 Clear Ridge Road, W. Wyalong.  
The road will be sign posted in several locations.

Come and see radio control aircraft flying during  
the day. Includes scale, racing, vintage and stunt  
RC models.

Have fun flying a control line aircraft or fly a free  
flight hand launch glider.

free sausage sizzle for visitors with a bottle of  
water. (Donations accepted)

**See you there!!!**

